

Claims:

1. A plant transformed with at least one polynucleotide molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence(s) encoding one or more constituent protein(s) of spindle bodies (SBs) or spindle-like bodies (SLBs) from an insect virus, said nucleotide sequence(s) being operably linked to a suitable promoter sequence(s), wherein said transformed plant expresses said protein(s) in, at least, plant tissue or tissues susceptible to damage by feeding insects.
2. A plant according to claim 1, wherein the one or more constituent protein(s) is/are selected from fusolins, fusolin-like proteins and ER-specific chaperone BiP proteins.
3. A plant according to claim 1 [or 2] which expresses a fusolin protein.
4. A plant according to claim 3, wherein the fusolin protein is selected from fusolins from *Heliothis armigera* EPV (HaEPV), *Pseudaletia separata* EPV (PsEPV), *Choristoneura biennis* EPV (CbEPV) and *Dermolepida albohirtum* EPV.
5. A plant according to claim 1 [or 2] which expresses a fusolin-like protein.
6. A plant according to claim 5, wherein the fusolin-like protein is selected from fusolin-like proteins from *Autographa californica* (AcMNPV), *Bombyx mori* (BmMNPV), *Choristoneura fumiferana* (CfMNPV), *Lymantria dispar* (LdMNPV), *Orgyia pseudotsugata* NPVs (OpMNPV) and *Xestia c-nigrum* GV (XcGV).
7. A plant according to <sup>claim 1</sup> [any one of the preceding claims] which further expresses an exogenous toxin or other agent that is deleterious to insects.
8. A plant according to claim 7, wherein the exogenous toxin is selected from *Bacillus thuringiensis*  $\delta$ -toxin and insect neurohormones.

9. A feed bait composition comprising spindle bodies (SBs) or spindle-like bodies (SLBs) from an insect virus, or one or more constituent protein(s) of said spindle bodies or spindle-like bodies, together with an agriculturally acceptable carrier.

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10. A feed bait composition according to claim 9, wherein the one or more constituent protein(s) is/are selected from fusolins, fusolin-like proteins and ER-specific chaperone BiP proteins.

10 ✓ 11 A feed bait composition according to claim 9 <sup>or 10</sup>, wherein the one or more constituent protein(s) is a fusolin protein.

12. A feed bait composition according to claim 11, wherein the fusolin protein is selected from fusolins from *Heliothis armigera* EPV (HaEPV),  
15 *Pseudaletia separata* EPV (PsEPV), *Choristoneura biennis* EPV (CbEPV) and *Dermolepida albohirtum* EPV.

✓ 13. A feed bait composition according to claim 9 <sup>or 10</sup>, wherein the one or more constituent protein(s) is a fusolin-like protein.

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14. A feed bait composition according to claim 13, wherein the fusolin-like protein is selected from fusolin-like proteins from *Autographa californica* (AcMNPV), *Bombyx mori* (BmMNPV), *Choristoneura fumiferana* (CfMNPV), *Lymantria dispar* (LdMNPV), *Orgyia pseudotsugata* NPVs (OpMNPV) and  
25 *Xestia c-nigrum* GV (XcGV).

✓ 15. A feed bait composition according to <sup>claim 9</sup> any one of claims 9-14, wherein the spindle bodies, spindle-like bodies or constituent protein(s) comprise 0.05 to 15.0% (by weight) of the composition.

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✓ 16. A feed bait composition according to <sup>claim 9</sup> any one of claims 9-15, further comprising a pheromone(s) or other chemical attractive to insects.

✓ 17. A feed bait composition according to <sup>claim 9</sup> any one of claims 9-16, wherein the agriculturally acceptable carrier is selected from edible substances.

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18. A method of controlling or preventing damage caused to plants from feeding insects, said method comprising applying to said plant a feed bait composition according to any one of claims 9-17 before, after or together with an insecticidal chemical and/or biological agent.

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claim 1

19. A method of controlling or preventing damage caused to a plant according to any one of claims 1-8 from feeding insects, said method comprising applying to said plant an insecticidal chemical and/or biological agent.

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20. A method according to claim 18 [or 19], wherein the insecticidal chemical is selected from organophosphate compounds.

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21. A method according to claim 18 [or 19], wherein the biological agent is selected from pathogenic bacteria.

22. A method according to claim 18 [or 19], wherein the biological agent is selected from insect viruses.

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